

nology import" appearing in the Indian Express, New Delhi, dated October 12, 1991;

(b) whether the Haldia Petrochemicals Limited has paid much more amount than that of Gas Authority of India Limited to Technimont Himont Combine of Italy for the proposed import of technology for making poly-propylene;

(e) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether the Government's approval was taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Government has seen the News item in question.

(b) to (e). Haldia Petrochemicals Limited has filed a composite application (Foreign Collaboration & Capital Goods import) for Government's approval for its Polypropylene Project. Decision on such applications taken after duly considering the payment terms etc. allowed in other similar cases.

Construction of Cold Storage Warehouse in A.P.

2164. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a cold storage warehouse in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh to facilitate farmers to store cash crops in times of unfavourable market prices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). Two firms have been granted permission to establish cold storages in 1990 and 1991.

Implementation of IDSMT Scheme in Mandya District in Karnataka

2165. SHRIG. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the small and medium towns taken up under Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme in Mandya District in Karnataka;

(b) the amount sanctioned to each town during 1990-91; and

(c) the names of the towns proposed to be taken up under the above Scheme in Mandya District during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Final Selection of towns depends upon the annual budgetary allocations made by the Government of India for this purpose and on the receipt of prioritised list of towns and detailed project reports from the State Governments. Government of Karnataka have proposed that Mallavalli town in Mandya District be taken up under IDSMT programme in 1991-92.

Amendment to Emigration Clearance Rules

2166. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the emigration rules have been amended recently to the effect that the documents for emigration clearance have to be routed through the recruitment agencies;

(b) if so, the reasons for affecting such a change;

(c) whether complaints have been received with regard to the revised procedure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). It is not a fact that Emigration Rules, 1983 have been amended recently. With the simplification of emigration procedure on 4.10.91 by bringing six additional categories of workers under 'Emigration Check not Required' for a period of six months, persons falling in the above six categories seeking employment abroad are required to approach Protectors of Emigrants/Passport Authorities for such an endorsement through authorised Recruiting Agents. This has been done with a view to facilitating the movement of Indian workers for workers for employment abroad.

(c) and (d). No complaint has been received regarding the simplification of procedure referred to above. Suggestions relating to the procedural aspects received will be considered and appropriate action taken.

Corruption cases against Public Servants

2167. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has registered cases against

public servants for corruption recently ; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of cases investigated by Central Bureau of investigation during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir, Central Bureau of Investigation have registered 20 cases against public servants, recently. Details of cases are given below:-

"They involve 10 officers of Government Departments and 19 officers of Public Sector Undertakings."

(b) During the last six months, 434 cases involving 670 public servants were registered and investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Pension to Journalists

2168. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to ensure pension to the working journalists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). The Government had set up an Expert Group to work out a pension scheme for journalists and non-journalists employees of newspaper establishments. The two alternative pension schemes recommended by the Group which were subject to payment of monthly contribution at different rates were considered by the Central Board of Trustees of the